

Briefly Told

Charles Henry Goodson, veteran of Balaklava, the siege of Lucknow and four years in General Robert E. Lee's command, formerly wealthy, has applied for permission to sell papers on the streets of Chicago. Goodson, as a British surgeon in the Crimea, had as one of his nurses Florence Nightingale. He is 95 years old.

French creators of feminine gowns and hats have appealed for a law to prohibit the indiscriminate photographing of their models at the race tracks. They claim that American and other clothing designers are stealing fashion points from the pictures.

Visitors to Zion City, Illinois, are greeted by huge signs warning them of the dangers of tobacco. One sign is very blunt. It says: "The use of tobacco in any form is a dirty, filthy, disgusting, degrading habit."

As a part of their history course pupils in the Detroit schools will receive instructions in the causes, purposes and results of the World War, and also will be given some military instruction on the conduct and methods of battles and sieges.

The Swiss Railway Clerks' Union has adopted a resolution in favor of preventing the shipment of war materials through Switzerland.

Corncocks, which used to be of use only for making pipes and burning, have yielded a valuable dye base at little expense under the treatment of chemists.

Albert Rose, a dockyard worker in Chatham, England, has retired after 56 years' service. Rose claims he was never late and never lost an hour during his long service.

An airplane mail service between the United States and Cuba will be inaugurated within a few months, Postmaster-General Burleson announces. The service will connect with through trains at Key West and Havana.

Among the items purchased by the Mexican Government for Francisco Villa and his followers are 800 plows, harness for 1,600 mules, two tractors, 20 mowing machines, two threshing machines, 40 scrapers, two long auto trucks, an auto, corrugated iron for roofing, and two large warehouses.

It is generally believed that the finger print as an identification is something evolved by the modern plain clothes man, but there is a record of the same system being used 1,200 years ago in Korea as a record in slave trading.

A Negro in Memphis needed a new pair of overalls, and a Scranton, Pennsylvania, factory got the order. The garment used up 25 yards of material. It has a girth of 106 inches and each hip pocket will hold a watermelon. The owner is nine feet, four inches tall, and weighs 540 pounds.

When a Buffalo baker put up a sign, "Buns for Sale," Federal agents investigated the premises and confiscated a 50-gallon still and 75 barrels of raisin mash.

A proposal to recognize the Soviet Government of Russia, made recently in the Uruguayan congress, was rejected.

Two men who stowed away in the ventilators of a French ocean liner were suffocated when the ship was fumigated.

The Turkish Army, which withstood the onslaught of the great British fleet and army against the Dardanelles, is now reduced to two battalions that recently refused to fight against the Turkish Nationalists.

Marcus Garvey, "provisional president of the Republic of Africa," was sworn into office in New York recently. The ceremony was conducted amid considerable magnificence of clothing and solemn ritual.

An agreement has been concluded between the United States and Argentina providing that American commercial travelers may carry on business in all provinces of Argentina on payment of a single license.

About 16,000,000 trees were saved to the country in 1919 by a careful use of old paper. This was ground up and used for "box-wood" and about 200 tons of the material was produced.

During a ball game at Pittman, New Jersey, the umpire called time while the ball diamond was auctioned off. When the sale was completed the game was resumed.

The expression "to take French leave" originated in the eighteenth century when certain French visitors to England, not certain about the manner of saying goodbye, would depart without saying anything.

A scientist has discovered that if a cat loses its whiskers it will soon become cross-eyed.

It is estimated by a professor that if prohibition is accepted completely by all Americans the consumption of water will be so much greater that the making of artificial water will be necessary in less than 7,000 years.

More counties have been carved out of the original Tom Green County, Texas, than there are now townships in that county.

A Department of Agriculture experimenter has discovered that plant life matures more quickly when raised under colored glass.

For 14 years two Milwaukee sisters had been searching for each other, although living only a block and a half apart. They met when one saw the other drop her purse and called her attention to it.

General Pershing will make a tour of the South American countries on a "good will" visit next winter as the representative of President Wilson.

The first Spanish warship to make a visit of courtesy to the United States since the war in 1898 visited Washington recently. It was the battleship Alphonso XIII.

The head of the department of public schools in Germany is a woman, Fraulein Gertrude Baumer.

A woman in Detroit was given a divorce because her husband insisted on sleeping on the edge of a roof. She said his dangerous naps threatened to give her heart failure.

The profiteering landlord difficulty has risen up to face the students of the University of Michigan. To fight the high cost of rooming the students are planning to put up barracks on the Ann Arbor campus.

The Rev. Mr. Ames Maywood, of Detroit, caused quite a shock to people who consider preachers as meek and humble ones by proposing a vigilance committee for his city that would shoot first and then ask questions.

Edwin L. Merritt, Illinois editor, who died at the age of 84 years, was an honorary pallbearer at the funeral of Abraham Lincoln.

September 7 in Detroit was a hard day on Hymen. While only 68 couples got permission to keep step to the wedding march, the divorce courts were dividing the marital bonds of 88 pairs who failed to keep in step in the matrimonial promenade.

For the first time in history the Mohammedan will hold official intercourse with the Christian through the appointment by the Sultan of Turkey of an envoy to the Vatican.

Dr. Maxime Leuret, a Swiss, is in America on a walk around the world, during which he earns his own way. Since his start in 1914 he has worn out 102 pairs of shoes.

A French statistician has been dabbling with figures to find out just what man does with that precious thing called time. He concludes that at the age of 50 years the average man has slept 6,000 days, worked 6,500, walked 800, amused himself 4,000, spent 1,500 eating and was ill 500 days.

A young Norwegian of Washington, D. C., formerly in the United States Army, sought naturalization recently, but could get no one to identify him. Then he thought of his finger print record at the War Department, and this soon got him his citizenship.

In Texas during the last cotton picking season imported Negro labor earned as high as \$20 a day, and much of the crop was not picked. At the time of this labor shortage there were more than 100,000 soldiers in Texas.

In the swamps of Florida the hunting of "bee trees" is a profitable business. Record of wild honey deposits of more than 300 pounds in hollow trees has been noted. The trees are located by hunters who follow the flight of the bees. It requires keen eyesight and a compass.

The largest farm in the world is managed by a former American, Charles Noble, at Nobleford, Alberta, Canada. It has more than 18,000 acres under cultivation, and a return of \$1,000,000 is expected on it this year.

From the standpoint of nutrition the goose egg is the leader, according to experimenters. The next in value are duck and guinea eggs, and the hen egg comes fourth on the list.

Tempting food was shown Mayor MacSwiney, of Cork, every day during his imprisonment in England although after many days of hunger he was hardly able to shake his head in refusal.

An international bridge between Mexico and Guatemala is to be constructed. The expense will be borne by the railways and the two governments.

Americans may now purchase the German dyestuffs set aside as a part of Germany's reparation supplies under the treaty of Versailles.

Japan has a censorship of movies that really censors, from the censor's point of view. Women must not sit in the same section with men even when accompanied by male companions, and every kiss that appears in the film is ruthlessly chopped out.

After fighting for years for woman suffrage, Miss Alice Paul, prominent leader of the suffragists, finds herself without a vote in spite of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. Miss Paul is a citizen of the District of Columbia, and neither men nor women have the suffrage right there.

American horsemen did not measure up to the standard of their pedestrian brother athletes at the Olympic Games. The leading American stood eleventh in the scoring.

A court action in New York brought forth a charge that a former ambassador of Turkey at Washington played the stock markets with funds raised in this country to assist war sufferers in Turkey. The former envoy is dead.

For the first time in several years sugar was placed on the dining tables at the Ellis Island immigration station and a riot nearly resulted. Hereafter individual portions will be served.

Germans living near the Dutch frontier are envied by all the rest of their fellow countrymen. Food is plentiful in Holland, and the "meal commuters" from across the line are picking up a lot of calories missed during the war.

Cigaret smoking is on the increase all over the world, according to a census of the industry. In 1919 39,000,000,000 "coffin nails" were smoked in the United States and more than 16,000,000,000 were exported.

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